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AN ACT

To repeal sections 130.011, 130.034, and 130.041, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to campaign finance.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 130.011, 130.034, and 130.041, RSMo, are repealed

- 2 and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 130.011,
- 3 130.034, and 130.041, to read as follows:

130.011. As used in this chapter, unless the context clearly indicates 2 otherwise, the following terms mean:

- 3 (1) "Appropriate officer" or "appropriate officers", the person or persons 4 designated in section 130.026 to receive certain required statements and reports;
- 5 (2) "Ballot measure" or "measure", any proposal submitted or intended to
- 3 be submitted to qualified voters for their approval or rejection, including any
- 7 proposal submitted by initiative petition, referendum petition, or by the general
- 8 assembly or any local governmental body having authority to refer proposals to
- 9 the voter:
- 10 (3) "Candidate", an individual who seeks nomination or election to public
- 11 office. The term "candidate" includes an elected officeholder who is the subject
- 12 of a recall election, an individual who seeks nomination by the individual's
- 13 political party for election to public office, an individual standing for retention in
- 14 an election to an office to which the individual was previously appointed, an
- 15 individual who seeks nomination or election whether or not the specific elective
- 16 public office to be sought has been finally determined by such individual at the
- 17 time the individual meets the conditions described in paragraph (a) or (b) of this
- 18 subdivision, and an individual who is a write-in candidate as defined in

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19 subdivision (28) of this section. A candidate shall be deemed to seek nomination 20 or election when the person first:

- 21 (a) Receives contributions or makes expenditures or reserves space or 22 facilities with intent to promote the person's candidacy for office; or
- 23 (b) Knows or has reason to know that contributions are being received or 24expenditures are being made or space or facilities are being reserved with the intent to promote the person's candidacy for office; except that, such individual 2526 shall not be deemed a candidate if the person files a statement with the 27 appropriate officer within five days after learning of the receipt of contributions, the making of expenditures, or the reservation of space or facilities disavowing 2829 the candidacy and stating that the person will not accept nomination or take office if elected; provided that, if the election at which such individual is 30 supported as a candidate is to take place within five days after the person's 31 32 learning of the above-specified activities, the individual shall file the statement disavowing the candidacy within one day; or 33
 - (c) Announces or files a declaration of candidacy for office;
- 35 (4) "Cash", currency, coin, United States postage stamps, or any 36 negotiable instrument which can be transferred from one person to another 37 person without the signature or endorsement of the transferor;
 - (5) "Check", a check drawn on a state or federal bank, or a draft on a negotiable order of withdrawal account in a savings and loan association or a share draft account in a credit union;
 - (6) "Closing date", the date through which a statement or report is required to be complete;
 - (7) "Committee", a person or any combination of persons, who accepts contributions or makes expenditures for the primary or incidental purpose of influencing or attempting to influence the action of voters for or against the nomination or election to public office of one or more candidates or the qualification, passage or defeat of any ballot measure or for the purpose of paying a previously incurred campaign debt or obligation of a candidate or the debts or obligations of a committee or for the purpose of contributing funds to another committee:
 - (a) "Committee", does not include:
- a. A person or combination of persons, if neither the aggregate of expenditures made nor the aggregate of contributions received during a calendar year exceeds five hundred dollars and if no single contributor has contributed

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more than two hundred fifty dollars of such aggregate contributions; 55

- b. An individual, other than a candidate, who accepts no contributions and who deals only with the individual's own funds or property;
- c. A corporation, cooperative association, partnership, proprietorship, or joint venture organized or operated for a primary or principal purpose other than that of influencing or attempting to influence the action of voters for or against the nomination or election to public office of one or more candidates or the qualification, passage or defeat of any ballot measure, and it accepts no contributions, and all expenditures it makes are from its own funds or property obtained in the usual course of business or in any commercial or other transaction and which are not contributions as defined by subdivision (12) of this section;
- d. A labor organization organized or operated for a primary or principal purpose other than that of influencing or attempting to influence the action of voters for or against the nomination or election to public office of one or more candidates, or the qualification, passage, or defeat of any ballot measure, and it accepts no contributions, and expenditures made by the organization are from its own funds or property received from membership dues or membership fees which were given or solicited for the purpose of supporting the normal and usual activities and functions of the organization and which are not contributions as defined by subdivision (12) of this section;
- e. A person who acts as an authorized agent for a committee in soliciting or receiving contributions or in making expenditures or incurring indebtedness on behalf of the committee if such person renders to the committee treasurer or deputy treasurer or candidate, if applicable, an accurate account of each receipt or other transaction in the detail required by the treasurer to comply with all record-keeping and reporting requirements of this chapter;
- f. Any department, agency, board, institution or other entity of the state or any of its subdivisions or any officer or employee thereof, acting in the person's official capacity;
- (b) The term "committee" includes, but is not limited to, each of the following committees: campaign committee, candidate committee, continuing committee and political party committee;
- (8) "Campaign committee", a committee, other than a candidate committee, which shall be formed by an individual or group of individuals to 88 receive contributions or make expenditures and whose sole purpose is to support or oppose the qualification and passage of one or more particular ballot measures

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in an election or the retention of judges under the nonpartisan court plan, such committee shall be formed no later than thirty days prior to the election for which the committee receives contributions or makes expenditures, and which shall terminate the later of either thirty days after the general election or upon the satisfaction of all committee debt after the general election, except that no committee retiring debt shall engage in any other activities in support of a measure for which the committee was formed;

(9) "Candidate committee", a committee which shall be formed by a candidate to receive contributions or make expenditures in behalf of the person's candidacy and which shall continue in existence for use by an elected candidate or which shall terminate the later of either thirty days after the general election for a candidate who was not elected or upon the satisfaction of all committee debt after the election, except that no committee retiring debt shall engage in any other activities in support of the candidate for which the committee was formed. Any candidate for elective office shall have only one candidate committee for the elective office sought, which is controlled directly by the candidate for the purpose of making expenditures. A candidate committee is presumed to be under the control and direction of the candidate unless the candidate files an affidavit with the appropriate officer stating that the committee is acting without control or direction on the candidate's part;

(10) "Continuing committee", a committee of continuing existence which is not formed, controlled or directed by a candidate, and is a committee other than a candidate committee or campaign committee, whose primary or incidental purpose is to receive contributions or make expenditures to influence or attempt to influence the action of voters whether or not a particular candidate or candidates or a particular ballot measure or measures to be supported or opposed has been determined at the time the committee is required to file any statement or report pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. "Continuing committee" includes, but is not limited to, any committee organized or sponsored by a business entity, a labor organization, a professional association, a trade or business association, a club or other organization and whose primary purpose is to solicit, accept and use contributions from the members, employees or stockholders of such entity and any individual or group of individuals who accept and use contributions to influence or attempt to influence the action of voters. Such committee shall be formed no later than sixty days prior to the election for which the committee receives contributions or makes expenditures;

(11) "Connected organization", any organization such as a corporation, a labor organization, a membership organization, a cooperative, or trade or professional association which expends funds or provides services or facilities to establish, administer or maintain a committee or to solicit contributions to a committee from its members, officers, directors, employees or security holders. An organization shall be deemed to be the connected organization if more than fifty percent of the persons making contributions to the committee during the current calendar year are members, officers, directors, employees or security holders of such organization or their spouses;

- (12) "Contribution", a payment, gift, loan, advance, deposit, or donation of money or anything of value for the purpose of supporting or opposing the nomination or election of any candidate for public office or the qualification, passage or defeat of any ballot measure, or for the support of any committee supporting or opposing candidates or ballot measures or for paying debts or obligations of any candidate or committee previously incurred for the above purposes. A contribution of anything of value shall be deemed to have a money value equivalent to the fair market value. "Contribution" includes, but is not limited to:
- (a) A candidate's own money or property used in support of the person's candidacy other than expense of the candidate's food, lodging, travel, and payment of any fee necessary to the filing for public office;
- (b) Payment by any person, other than a candidate or committee, to compensate another person for services rendered to that candidate or committee;
- (c) Receipts from the sale of goods and services, including the sale of advertising space in a brochure, booklet, program or pamphlet of a candidate or committee and the sale of tickets or political merchandise;
 - (d) Receipts from fund-raising events including testimonial affairs;
- (e) Any loan, guarantee of a loan, cancellation or forgiveness of a loan or debt or other obligation by a third party, or payment of a loan or debt or other obligation by a third party if the loan or debt or other obligation was contracted, used, or intended, in whole or in part, for use in an election campaign or used or intended for the payment of such debts or obligations of a candidate or committee previously incurred, or which was made or received by a committee;
- (f) Funds received by a committee which are transferred to such committee from another committee or other source, except funds received by a candidate committee as a transfer of funds from another candidate committee

163 controlled by the same candidate but such transfer shall be included in the 164 disclosure reports;

- (g) Facilities, office space or equipment supplied by any person to a candidate or committee without charge or at reduced charges, except gratuitous space for meeting purposes which is made available regularly to the public, including other candidates or committees, on an equal basis for similar purposes on the same conditions;
- (h) The direct or indirect payment by any person, other than a connected organization, of the costs of establishing, administering, or maintaining a committee, including legal, accounting and computer services, fund raising and solicitation of contributions for a committee;
 - (i) "Contribution" does not include:

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- a. Ordinary home hospitality or services provided without compensation by individuals volunteering their time in support of or in opposition to a candidate, committee or ballot measure, nor the necessary and ordinary personal expenses of such volunteers incidental to the performance of voluntary activities, so long as no compensation is directly or indirectly asked or given;
- b. An offer or tender of a contribution which is expressly and unconditionally rejected and returned to the donor within ten business days after receipt or transmitted to the state treasurer;
 - c. Interest earned on deposit of committee funds;
- d. The costs incurred by any connected organization listed pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection 5 of section 130.021 for establishing, administering or maintaining a committee, or for the solicitation of contributions to a committee which solicitation is solely directed or related to the members, officers, directors, employees or security holders of the connected organization;
- 189 (13) "County", any one of the several counties of this state or the city of 190 St. Louis;
- 191 (14) "Disclosure report", an itemized report of receipts, expenditures and 192 incurred indebtedness which is prepared on forms approved by the Missouri 193 ethics commission and filed at the times and places prescribed;
- 194 (15) "Election", any primary, general or special election held to nominate 195 or elect an individual to public office, to retain or recall an elected officeholder or 196 to submit a ballot measure to the voters, and any caucus or other meeting of a 197 political party or a political party committee at which that party's candidate or 198 candidates for public office are officially selected. A primary election and the

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199 succeeding general election shall be considered separate elections;

- (16) "Expenditure", a payment, advance, conveyance, deposit, donation or contribution of money or anything of value for the purpose of supporting or opposing the nomination or election of any candidate for public office or the qualification or passage of any ballot measure or for the support of any committee which in turn supports or opposes any candidate or ballot measure or for the purpose of paying a previously incurred campaign debt or obligation of a candidate or the debts or obligations of a committee; a payment, or an agreement or promise to pay, money or anything of value, including a candidate's own money or property, for the purchase of goods, services, property, facilities or anything of value for the purpose of supporting or opposing the nomination or election of any candidate for public office or the qualification or passage of any ballot measure or for the support of any committee which in turn supports or opposes any candidate or ballot measure or for the purpose of paying a previously incurred campaign debt or obligation of a candidate or the debts or obligations of a committee. An expenditure of anything of value shall be deemed to have a money value equivalent to the fair market value. "Expenditure" includes, but is not limited to:
- 217 (a) Payment by anyone other than a committee for services of another 218 person rendered to such committee;
 - (b) The purchase of tickets, goods, services or political merchandise in connection with any testimonial affair or fund-raising event of or for candidates or committees, or the purchase of advertising in a brochure, booklet, program or pamphlet of a candidate or committee;
 - (c) The transfer of funds by one committee to another committee;
 - (d) The direct or indirect payment by any person, other than a connected organization for a committee, of the costs of establishing, administering or maintaining a committee, including legal, accounting and computer services, fund raising and solicitation of contributions for a committee; but
 - (e) "Expenditure" does not include:
- a. Any news story, commentary or editorial which is broadcast or published by any broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine or other periodical without charge to the candidate or to any person supporting or opposing a candidate or ballot measure;
- b. The internal dissemination by any membership organization, proprietorship, labor organization, corporation, association or other entity of

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information advocating the election or defeat of a candidate or candidates or the passage or defeat of a ballot measure or measures to its directors, officers, members, employees or security holders, provided that the cost incurred is

c. Repayment of a loan, but such repayment shall be indicated in required reports;

reported pursuant to subsection 2 of section 130.051;

- d. The rendering of voluntary personal services by an individual of the sort commonly performed by volunteer campaign workers and the payment by such individual of the individual's necessary and ordinary personal expenses incidental to such volunteer activity, provided no compensation is, directly or indirectly, asked or given;
 - e. The costs incurred by any connected organization listed pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection 5 of section 130.021 for establishing, administering or maintaining a committee, or for the solicitation of contributions to a committee which solicitation is solely directed or related to the members, officers, directors, employees or security holders of the connected organization;
- f. The use of a candidate's own money or property for expense of the candidate's personal food, lodging, travel, and payment of any fee necessary to the filing for public office, if such expense is not reimbursed to the candidate from any source;
 - (17) "Exploratory committees", a committee which shall be formed by an individual to receive contributions and make expenditures on behalf of this individual in determining whether or not the individual seeks elective office. Such committee shall terminate no later than December thirty-first of the year prior to the general election for the possible office;
 - (18) "Fund-raising event", an event such as a dinner, luncheon, reception, coffee, testimonial, rally, auction or similar affair through which contributions are solicited or received by such means as the purchase of tickets, payment of attendance fees, donations for prizes or through the purchase of goods, services or political merchandise;

(19) "Immediate family", spouse, dependent child, or sibling;

- (20) "In-kind contribution" or "in-kind expenditure", a contribution or expenditure in a form other than money;
- [(20)] (21) "Labor organization", any organization of any kind, or any agency or employee representation committee or plan, in which employees participate and which exists for the purpose, in whole or in part, of dealing with

employers concerning grievances, labor disputes, wages, rates of pay, hours of employment, or conditions of work;

- [(21)] (22) "Loan", a transfer of money, property or anything of ascertainable monetary value in exchange for an obligation, conditional or not, to repay in whole or in part and which was contracted, used, or intended for use in an election campaign, or which was made or received by a committee or which was contracted, used, or intended to pay previously incurred campaign debts or obligations of a candidate or the debts or obligations of a committee;
- [(22)] (23) "Person", an individual, group of individuals, corporation, partnership, committee, proprietorship, joint venture, any department, agency, board, institution or other entity of the state or any of its political subdivisions, union, labor organization, trade or professional or business association, association, political party or any executive committee thereof, or any other club or organization however constituted or any officer or employee of such entity acting in the person's official capacity;
 - [(23)] (24) "Political merchandise", goods such as bumper stickers, pins, hats, ties, jewelry, literature, or other items sold or distributed at a fund-raising event or to the general public for publicity or for the purpose of raising funds to be used in supporting or opposing a candidate for nomination or election or in supporting or opposing the qualification, passage or defeat of a ballot measure;
 - [(24)] (25) "Political party", a political party which has the right under law to have the names of its candidates listed on the ballot in a general election;
 - [(25)] (26) "Political party committee", a state, district, county, city, or area committee of a political party, as defined in section 115.603, RSMo, which may be organized as a not-for-profit corporation under Missouri law, and which committee is of continuing existence, and has the primary or incidental purpose of receiving contributions and making expenditures to influence or attempt to influence the action of voters on behalf of the political party;
 - [(26)] (27) "Public office" or "office", any state, judicial, county, municipal, school or other district, ward, township, or other political subdivision office or any political party office which is filled by a vote of registered voters;
- [(27)] (28) "Regular session", includes that period beginning on the first Wednesday after the first Monday in January and ending following the first Friday after the second Monday in May;
- 305 [(28)] (29) "Write-in candidate", an individual whose name is not printed on the ballot but who otherwise meets the definition of candidate in subdivision

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130.034. 1. Contributions as defined in section 130.011, received by any committee shall not be converted to any personal use.

- 2. Contributions may be used for any purpose allowed by law including,but not limited to:
 - (1) Any ordinary expenses incurred relating to a campaign;
- 6 (2) Any ordinary and necessary expenses incurred in connection with the 7 duties of a holder of elective office;
- 8 (3) Any expenses associated with the duties of candidacy or of elective 9 office pertaining to the entertaining of or providing social courtesies to 10 constituents, professional associations, or other holders of elective office;
- 11 (4) The return of any contribution to the person who made the 12 contribution to the candidate or holder of elective office;
- 13 (5) To contribute to a political organization or candidate committee as 14 allowed by law;
- 15 (6) To establish a new committee as defined by this chapter;
- 16 (7) To make an unconditional gift which is fully vested to any charitable, 17 fraternal or civic organizations or other associations formed to provide for some 18 good in the order of benevolence, if such candidate, former candidate or holder of 19 elective office or such person's immediate family gain no direct financial benefit 20 from the unconditional gift;
 - (8) Except when such candidate, former candidate or holder of elective office dies while the committee remains in existence, the committee may make an unconditional gift to a fund established for the benefit of the spouse and children of the candidate, former candidate or holder of elective office. The provisions of this subdivision shall expire October 1, 1997.
- 3. Upon the death of the candidate, former candidate or holder of elective office who received such contributions, all contributions shall be disposed of according to this section and any funds remaining after final settlement of the candidate's decedent's estate, or if no estate is opened, then twelve months after the candidate's death, will escheat to the state of Missouri to be deposited in the general revenue fund.
- 4. No contributions, as defined in section 130.011, received by a candidate, former candidate or holder of elective office shall be used to make restitution payments ordered of such individual by a court of law or for the payment of any fine resulting from conviction of a violation of any local, state or federal law.

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- 5. Committees described in subdivision (17) of section 130.011 shall make expenditures only for the purpose of determining whether an individual will be a candidate. Such expenditures include polling information, mailings, personal appearances, telephone expenses, office and travel expenses but may not include contributions to other candidate committees.
- 6. Any moneys in the exploratory committee fund may be transferred to the candidate committee upon declaration of candidacy for the position being explored. Such funds shall be included for the purposes of reporting and limitation. In the event that candidacy is not declared for the position being explored, the remaining exploratory committee funds shall be returned to the contributors on a pro rata basis. In no event shall the amount returned exceed the amount given by each contributor nor be less than ten dollars.
 - 7. Expenditures from contributions shall not be made to any immediate family member of a candidate, former candidate, or holder of elective office for salary, wages, fringe benefits, or payroll taxes.
- 130.041. 1. Except as provided in subsection 5 of section 130.016, the candidate, if applicable, treasurer or deputy treasurer of every committee which is required to file a statement of organization, shall file a legibly printed or typed disclosure report of receipts and expenditures. The reports shall be filed with the appropriate officer designated in section 130.026 at the times and for the periods prescribed in section 130.046. Except as provided in sections 130.049 and 130.050, each report shall set forth:
- 8 (1) The full name, as required in the statement of organization pursuant 9 to subsection 5 of section 130.021, and mailing address of the committee filing the 10 report and the full name, mailing address and telephone number of the 11 committee's treasurer and deputy treasurer if the committee has named a deputy 12 treasurer;
- 13 (2) The amount of money, including cash on hand at the beginning of the 14 reporting period;
 - (3) Receipts for the period, including:
- 16 (a) Total amount of all monetary contributions received which can be
 17 identified in the committee's records by name and address of each contributor. In
 18 addition, the candidate committee shall make a reasonable effort to obtain and
 19 report the employer, or occupation if self-employed or notation of retirement, of
 20 each person from whom the committee received one or more contributions which
 21 in the aggregate total in excess of one hundred dollars and shall make a

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reasonable effort to obtain and report a description of any contractual 2223 relationship over five hundred dollars between the contributor and the state if the candidate is seeking election to a state office or between the contributor and any 2425political subdivision of the state if the candidate is seeking election to another political subdivision of the state; 26

- (b) Total amount of all anonymous contributions accepted;
- 28 (c) Total amount of all monetary contributions received through 29 fund-raising events or activities from participants whose names and addresses 30 were not obtained with such contributions, with an attached statement or copy of the statement describing each fund-raising event as required in subsection 6 31 32 of section 130.031;
 - (d) Total dollar value of all in-kind contributions received;
- (e) A separate listing by name and address and employer, or occupation if self-employed or notation of retirement, of each person from whom the committee received contributions, in money or any other thing of value, 36 aggregating more than one hundred dollars, together with the date and amount of each such contribution;
- 39 (f) A listing of each loan received by name and address of the lender and date and amount of the loan. For each loan of more than one hundred dollars, a 40 41 separate statement shall be attached setting forth the name and address of the 42 lender and each person liable directly, indirectly or contingently, and the date, 43 amount and terms of the loan;
 - (4) Expenditures for the period, including:
- 45 (a) The total dollar amount of expenditures made by check drawn on the 46 committee's depository;
 - (b) The total dollar amount of expenditures made in cash;
 - (c) The total dollar value of all in-kind expenditures made;
- (d) The full name and mailing address of each person to whom an 49 expenditure of money or any other thing of value in the amount of more than one 50 hundred dollars has been made, contracted for or incurred, together with the 51date, amount and purpose of each expenditure. Expenditures of one hundred 5253dollars or less may be grouped and listed by categories of expenditure showing the total dollar amount of expenditures in each category, except that the report 54shall contain an itemized listing of each payment made to campaign workers by 55name, address, date, amount and purpose of each payment and the aggregate 56amount paid to each such worker;

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58 (e) A list of each loan made, by name and mailing address of the person 59 receiving the loan, together with the amount, terms and date;

- 60 (5) The total amount of cash on hand as of the closing date of the 61 reporting period covered, including amounts in depository accounts and in petty 62 cash fund;
- 63 (6) The total amount of outstanding indebtedness as of the closing date 64 of the reporting period covered;
- 65 (7) The amount of expenditures for or against a candidate or ballot 66 measure during the period covered and the cumulative amount of expenditures for or against that candidate or ballot measure, with each candidate being listed 67 by name, mailing address and office sought. For the purpose of disclosure 68 reports, expenditures made in support of more than one candidate or ballot 69 measure or both shall be apportioned reasonably among the candidates or ballot 70 71measure or both. In apportioning expenditures to each candidate or ballot measure, political party committees and continuing committees need not include 72expenditures for maintaining a permanent office, such as expenditures for 73 salaries of regular staff, office facilities and equipment or other expenditures not 74designed to support or oppose any particular candidates or ballot measures; 75however, all such expenditures shall be listed pursuant to subdivision (4) of this 76 77subsection;
 - (8) A separate listing by full name and address of any committee including a candidate committee controlled by the same candidate for which a transfer of funds or a contribution in any amount has been made during the reporting period, together with the date and amount of each such transfer or contribution;
 - (9) A separate listing by full name and address of any committee, including a candidate committee controlled by the same candidate from which a transfer of funds or a contribution in any amount has been received during the reporting period, together with the date and amount of each such transfer or contribution;
 - (10) Each committee that receives a contribution which is restricted or designated in whole or in part by the contributor for transfer to a particular candidate, committee or other person shall include a statement of the name and address of that contributor in the next disclosure report required to be filed after receipt of such contribution, together with the date and amount of any such contribution which was so restricted or designated by that contributor, together

94 with the name of the particular candidate or committee to whom such 95 contribution was so designated or restricted by that contributor and the date and 96 amount of such contribution.

- 2. For the purpose of this section and any other section in this chapter except sections 130.049 and 130.050 which requires a listing of each contributor who has contributed a specified amount, the aggregate amount shall be computed by adding all contributions received from any one person during the following periods:
- (1) In the case of a candidate committee, the period shall begin on the date on which the candidate became a candidate according to the definition of the term "candidate" in section 130.011 and end at 11:59 p.m. on the day of the primary election, if the candidate has such an election or at 11:59 p.m. on the day of the general election. If the candidate has a general election held after a primary election, the next aggregating period shall begin at 12:00 midnight on the day after the primary election day and shall close at 11:59 p.m. on the day of the general election. Except that for contributions received during the thirty-day period immediately following a primary election, the candidate shall designate whether such contribution is received as a primary election contribution or a general election contribution;
- (2) In the case of a campaign committee, the period shall begin on the date the committee received its first contribution and end on the closing date for the period for which the report or statement is required;
- (3) In the case of a political party committee or a continuing committee, the period shall begin on the first day of January of the year in which the report or statement is being filed and end on the closing date for the period for which the report or statement is required; except, if the report or statement is required to be filed prior to the first day of July in any given year, the period shall begin on the first day of July of the preceding year.
- 122 3. The disclosure report shall be signed and attested by the committee 123 treasurer or deputy treasurer and by the candidate in case of a candidate 124 committee.
- 4. The words "consulting or consulting services, fees, or expenses", or similar words, shall not be used to describe the purpose of a payment as required in this section. The reporting of any payment to such an independent contractor shall be on a form supplied by the appropriate officer, established by the ethics commission and shall include identification of the specific service or services

provided including, but not limited to, public opinion polling, research on issues or opposition background, print or broadcast media production, print or broadcast media purchase, computer programming or data entry, direct mail production, postage, rent, utilities, phone solicitation, or fund raising, and the dollar amount prorated for each service.

5. Within twenty-one days of filing disclosure reports to the Missouri ethics commission as required by section 130.041, a candidate, elected official, or campaign committee shall make public its latest disclosure report by providing a conspicuous link to the version of the report maintained on the Missouri ethics commission website on the homepage of the website of the candidate, elected official, or committee if such a site is administered for the candidate, elected official, or committee.

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